

MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA

CITY OF LONG BEACH

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The Honorable Robert Rivas California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 5110 Sacramento, CA 95814 The Honorable Al Muratsuchi California State Assembly 1021 O Street, Suite 5610 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 1322 (Rivas and Muratsuchi)—Sustainable aviation fuel: production incentives plan

Dear Assemblymembers Rivas and Muratsuchi,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support AB 1322. This bill would reduce aviation greenhouse gas emissions by requiring the State to develop a plan to incentivize the production and use of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) in California.

The production and use of SAF will significantly decrease greenhouse gas emissions that impact our communities, state, and nation. There is currently not enough SAF being produced to meet the demand, which in turn drives up the cost of this sustainable fuel type. Through AB 1322, the State has the opportunity to help decarbonize the field of aviation by incentivizing the production and use of SAF.

Long Beach Airport (LGB) has been recognized as a leader in reducing emissions and supports incentive-based models for utilizing SAF in line with the City's <u>Council-adopted</u> green airport plan and programs. LGB has already taken significant steps through measures such as reducing aircraft emissions on the ramp by providing pre-conditioned and electrical power at each aircraft parking position and providing electric chargers for ground support equipment. In Fall 2021, LGB was awarded Level 2 certification for the Airport Carbon Accreditation (ACA) program and pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on a per passenger basis by 20% in 2025 and 40% in 2030.

The City supports legislation that incentivizes the use of SAF. AB 1322 will allow LGB to continue working towards its commitment of operating in an environmentally friendly manner, minimizing the impact of its business on the environment and surrounding community with methods that are socially responsible, scientifically based, and economically sound. Given these reasons, the City supports AB 1322.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly

The Honorable Lena Gonzalez, State Senate, 33rd District

The Honorable Tom Umberg, State Senate, 34th District

The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District

The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District

The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District